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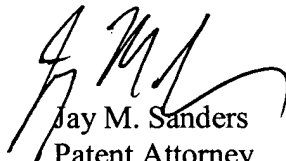
A Notice to File Missing Parts and fully executed Declaration (37 CFR 1.63) and Power of Attorney form accompany this Preliminary Amendment.

References to Figure 12D have been removed from the specification. Figure 12D was similar to Figures 12A-C and illustrated where a primer (SEQ ID NO:25) aligned to three sequences. This is discussed in Example 12 of the specification as filed. Thus, one skilled in the art could readily align SEQ ID NO:25 (the SB104 primer), which is also listed in Table 18 of Example 12, with tcaB2-1529, tcaB-W14, and tcaB1-1529—the sequences of Figures 12A-C and which are also listed in §12Biii of Example 12. Thus, Figure 12D is not needed and its information is conveyed elsewhere in the specification. Therefore, the June 27, 2003, filing date should be maintained, as indicated on page 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

The applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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